

House File 378 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to annual automatic increases in Medicaid
2 provider reimbursement rates.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. MEDICAID PROVIDER REIMBURSEMENT RATES — ANNUAL
2 AUTOMATIC INCREASES. Notwithstanding any provision of law
3 to the contrary regarding inflation factors or indexing of
4 Medicaid provider reimbursement rates, and in addition to any
5 other change in reimbursement rates specified for a fiscal
6 year, the department of health and human services shall
7 automatically increase the reimbursement rate of a provider
8 enrolled in the Medicaid program on July 1, annually, by either
9 applying the percentage equal to the increase in the consumer
10 price index for all urban consumers for the midwest region for
11 the most recent available twelve-month period published in the
12 federal register by the United States department of labor,
13 bureau of labor statistics, or by applying a two and one-half
14 percent increase, whichever is less, to the specific provider's
15 current reimbursement rate.

16 EXPLANATION

17 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
18 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

19 This bill provides for an annual automatic increase in the
20 reimbursement rates for Medicaid providers.

21 The bill provides that notwithstanding any provision of
22 law to the contrary regarding inflation factors or indexing
23 of Medicaid provider reimbursement rates, and in addition
24 to any other change in reimbursement rates specified for a
25 fiscal year, the department of health and human services shall
26 automatically increase the reimbursement rate of a Medicaid
27 provider on July 1, annually, by either applying the percentage
28 equal to the increase in the consumer price index for all urban
29 consumers for the midwest region for the most recent available
30 12-month period published in the federal register by the United
31 States department of labor, bureau of labor statistics, or by
32 applying a 2.5 percent increase, whichever is less, to the
33 specific provider's current reimbursement rate.